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FOR D/HA - DERIAN AND EA - R. OAKLEY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF
SUBJ: LEAP DAL REFUGEES

REF: STATE 133132

1. AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL CALLED UPON MOI UNDER-SECRETARY DAMRONG SUNTHONSARATHON JUNE 15 TO RELAY REQUEST THAT RTG ACCEPT BALANCE OF LEAP DAL REFUGEES (153 BY OUR COUNT) IN RETURN FOR U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 300 CATEGORY II REFUGEES LOCATED UP COUNTRY.

2. AFTER AMBASSADOR OUTLINED SITUATION AND PROPOSAL, DAMRONG'S REACTION WAS TO STATE THAT RTG WOULD PERMIT LEAP DAL REFUGEES TO TRANSIT THE KINGDOM BUT THAT ASSURANCES WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN THAT THEY WOULD GO ON TO THIRD COUNTRIES IN A DEFINITE TIME PERIOD. DAMRONG'S REACTION COULD BE SUMMED UP IN THE COMMENT "WHY ALWAYS THAILAND?", BUT HE WAS NEVERTHELESS INTERESTED IN THE PROPOSAL AND ASKED FOR AIDE MEMOIRE ON WHICH HE PROMISED TO GIVE A FORMAL RESPONSE.

3. CONVERSATION THEN MOVED TO VISIT OF DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER UNHCR MACE AND GENERAL ISSUE OF RESETTLE-MENT IN THAILAND OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES. THIS WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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4. COMMENT: GIVEN EARLIER CABINET REJECTION OF THE RETURN OF THE LEAP DAL REFUGEES, PLUS HIGHLIGHTING OF INSECURITY OF BORDER AREAS, UNDERSCORED BY EXECUTION OF THREE KHMER ROUGE COLLABORATORS ON JUNE 14, AND VISIT OF MACE FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR SECOND UNHCR/RTG

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AGREEMENT, DAMRONG'S POSITION IS NOT SURPRISING. IN
ANY EVENT, NOTIFICATION THAT NON-PREFERENCE NUMBERS WILL
BE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL FALL (STATE 137504), OF COURSE,
MAKES ANY U.S. OFFER TENTATIVE UNTIL THAT TIME. END
COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY WILL PURSUE THE ISSUE OF THE LEAP DAL
REFUGEES RETURNING TO THAILAND AND IF MATTER HAS NOT
BEEN RESOLVEDBN DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PURSUE IT AT TIME
OF DAMRONG'S VISIT. IN THIS LATTER REGARD, HE INDICATED
THAT CURRENT MATTERS INCLUDING NEED FOR HIS PRESENCE AT ALL
THAILAND GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE HAS FORCED POSTPONEMENT
OF HIS PLANNED U.S. TRIP UNTIL AUGUST.
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